

BUSTH Announces Distinguished Alumni for 2021

The Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH) is pleased to announce this year's Distinguished Alumni for 2021.

- Mr. Mark Bowman (STH 1982, MDiv)
- Reverend Heidi Kugler (STH 1997, MDiv)
- Reverend Dr. Gilbert Rendle, Jr. (STH 1972, MDiv)

In the category of Emerging Leader:
Dr. Gina Ann Zurlo (STH 2017, PhD)

"The 2021 Distinguished Alumni magnificently embody the visionary, transformative leadership needed in this world today," says G. Sujin Pak, dean. "From a profound vision for prison chaplaincy to powerful LGBTQIA+ activism and advocacy to erudite cultivation of knowledge of global Christianity and women leaders in world Christianity to advanced facilitation of conflict management, effective change, and innovative leadership development, these amazing and gifted leaders bring concrete visibility to the aspirations of theological education, the witness of the Christian gospel, and the hope of renewal and rejuvenation in our churches, communities, social systems, and academies. We are profoundly grateful for these trailblazers and proud to call them our own!"

For complete biographies of these alumni, please see the [press release](#) published on July 22, 2021.

A celebration of these alums and their achievements will be part of a special hybrid Community Day, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**. The Distinguished Alumni Panel: The Three Greatest Challenges Facing Us in the Next Decade will be hosted at 6pm EDT with an in-person dinner to follow. Join us in person if you can by [registering here](#). You may watch the Livestream at [bu.edu/sth](#) at the time of the event.



Dean G. Sujin Pak's Installation Service on September 29, 2021 at 11am EDT

You are invited to join the Boston University School of Theology faculty, staff, and students as we install G. Sujin Pak as our new dean on **Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 11am EDT in Marsh Chapel**.

The Service of Installation will be celebrated by Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric, dean of Duke Divinity School, at Marsh Chapel at Boston University. Boston University-mandated COVID-19 precautions will be followed for in-person attendees, and a Livestream option will be available on our homepage at the time of the event for those attending virtually.

Click here to RSVP for Dean G. Sujin Pak's Installation Service.

STH Community Day 2021

The Boston University School of Theology welcomes alumni & friends back to campus for Community Day 2021! The following events will be hosted in-person at the School of Theology and online unless noted as "in-person only." **We sincerely appreciate you taking a moment to register here.**

Alumni Spiritual*Tea with Breakfast | 9:30am EDT (in-person only)

Begin your day with the School of Theology by joining us for tea and a light breakfast while engaging in a meaningful spiritual exercise led by an STH alum and/or faculty member.

Service of Matriculation | 11:00am EDT

Matriculation Day service is the academic and liturgical celebration of the entering class of theological students through the doctoral level. More than 110 new students will be welcomed during this event. As a way of demonstrating the legacy to which they will become heir, we are recognizing the 2021 School of Theology Distinguished Alumni/ae and paying tribute to the Class of 1971.

Alumni Luncheon with a Faculty Presenter | 1:30pm EDT (in-person only)

Meet Dean G. Sujin Pak and a select faculty member over lunch. Dean Pak will welcome our guests and a faculty member will share a brief presentation on their latest research.

Class of 1971 Time of Fellowship | 3:00pm EDT

Gather for a time of fellowship to hear from your classmates! Share your fondest memories and news about how you are doing, where you are, and any other insights and updates you'd like to provide. *This event is open only to members of the Class of 1971 and intimate alumni/ae and friends.*

Distinguished Alumni/ae Panel: The Three Greatest Challenges Facing Us in the Next Decade | 6:00pm EDT

The 2021 STH Distinguished Alumni/ae will offer reflections on the three greatest challenges facing us in the next decade. The event will conclude with a celebration of our newest awardees.

Distinguished Alumni/ae Reception & Dinner | 7:00pm EDT (in-person only)

A reception and dinner will take place immediately after the panel discussion to continue the celebration of our newest awardees! *Registration is required.*

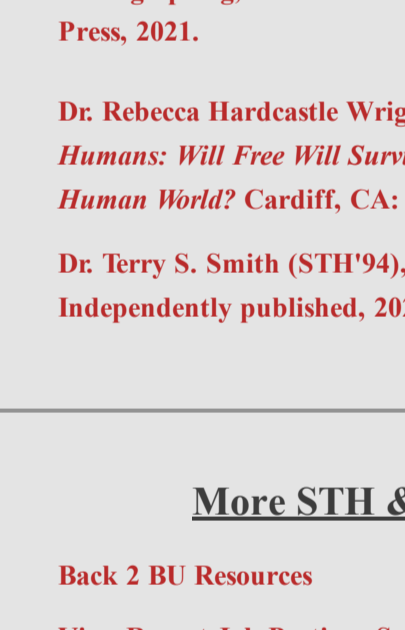
STH Class of 2020 Recognition Ceremony at Marsh Chapel

Although members of the School of Theology Class of 2020 were able to celebrate their accomplishments in a virtual Love Feast in May 2020, they weren't afforded the traditional Marsh Chapel commencement experience. On **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, STH'20 is invited back to campus for a special Recognition Ceremony with faculty, family, and friends.

If you earned a degree from the School of Theology in 2020 and would like to participate in the Recognition Ceremony, **click here to complete your registration ASAP**.

Other alumni may notify Andrew Kimble at ackimble@bu.edu if you plan to attend.

Two Recent Faculty Publications

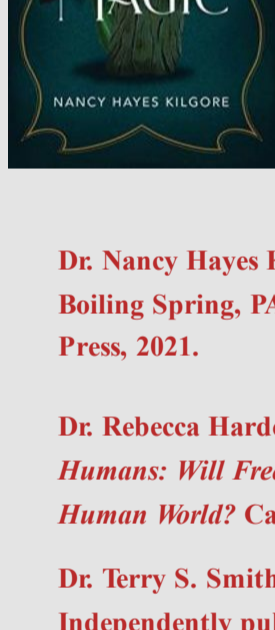


Dean Emerita Mary Elizabeth Moore, "Embracing Sexuality and Gender: Toward Radical Love," *Religious Education*, DOI.

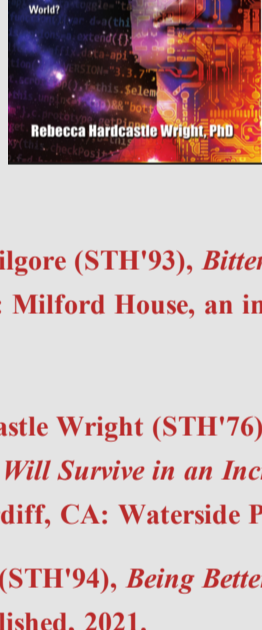


Prof. Radi Roldan-Figueroa, "The Institutional Inner Logic of Sixteenth Century Disalced Franciscan Missions," in *Sixteenth Century Mission: Explorations in Protestant & Roman Catholic Theology and Practice*.

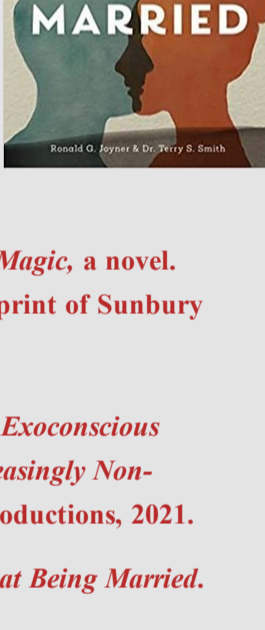
Three Recent Alumni Publications



Dr. Nancy Hayes Kilgore (STH'93), *Bitter Magic*, a novel. Boiling Spring, PA: Milford House, an imprint of Sunbury Press, 2021.



Dr. Rebecca Hardcastle Wright (STH'76), *Exo-conscious Humans: Will Free Will Survive in an Increasingly Non-Humans World?* Cardiff, CA: Waterside Productions, 2021.



Dr. Terry S. Smith (STH'94), *Being Better at Being Married*. Independently published, 2021.

More STH & Alumni News

- Back 2 BU Resources**
- View Recent Job Postings Sent to STH**
- BUSTH Announces New Anglican-Episcopal Studies Certificate**
- Real Talk: Critical Race Theory and What Christians Should Know, featuring BUSTH Prof. Cristian De La Rosa**
- Prof. Luis Menéndez-Antuna Receives Society of Biblical Literature 2021 Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship**
- Prof. Jonathan Calvillo Awarded New York Historical Society Research Fellowship**
- Dr. Fernando Oma (STH'20) Receives Inaugural Wink Fellowship**
- Rev. Christina Rathbone (STH'09) Helped People Excluded from Society Share Their Stories**
- Professor Emeritus Walter E. Fluker, Ph.D., (GRS'88, STH'88), Thomas W. Porter, Jr., J.D., (LAW'74), Rev. Kelly Elizabeth Fassett, (STH'19), and Boston Mayor Kim Janczy Give Keynote Addresses at Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' 55th Annual Fundraiser**

Check out the [STH News Section](#) on the STH website for exciting announcements and timely reflections. Please take advantage of the [Online Lifelong Learning program](#) by registering for a Fall mini-course or spiritual group. Lastly, visit the [STH Livestream](#) page to watch sermons from recent STH worship services and other recorded events.

Upcoming Events

STH Community Day 2021 (as seen above)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 | 9am - 8PM EDT

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Click here to register for Community Day today!

Click here to register for Class of 1971's 50th Reunion today!

Dean G. Sujin Pak's Installation Service (as seen above)

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 | 11am EDT

You are cordially invited to the installation service of G. Sujin Pak as Dean of the School of Theology! Join us in person or check the STH Homepage for the Livestream at the time of the event.

Click here to register for Dean G. Sujin Pak's Installation Service.

The Center for Global Christianity & Missions 20th Anniversary Celebration (invitation only for in person; open to all online)

Friday, October 1, 2021 | 6 - 9PM EDT

The Center for Global Christianity & Mission at the School of Theology will celebrate its 20th anniversary, its endowment, and Professor Dana Robert's 65th birthday. This event will be online and in person. If you plan to attend online, a link will be sent in your itinerary email after registering for BU's Alumni Weekend 2021.

Click here to register for the 20th Anniversary event!

STH Class of 2020 Recognition Ceremony (as seen above)

Saturday, October 2, 2021 | 3 - 4:30PM EDT | Marsh Chapel

You are cordially invited to the 2020 Graduate Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, October 2, 2021! This event is open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni/ae, and friends. Registration is required due to limited space.

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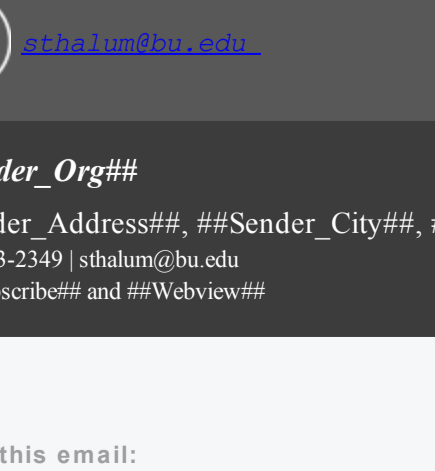
All University Commencement Exercises

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | 1PM EDT

Boston University graduates from all departments will assemble to celebrate their accomplishments. This event is open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni/ae, and friends.

Visit the [2020 Commencement website](#) for information on how to participate.

Donor Spotlight: Why I Give to STH?



"Our time at STH was both formative and transformative: it shaped the paths of both of our careers and inspired us to imagine the ways our theological heritage can be reborn and renewed in the 21st century. But for both of us, this formative theological education was only possible because of the generosity of previous donors. We give so that new generations can experience formative and transformative theological education that inspires and renews our beloved Church."

Rev. Allie Scott (STH'12) is an Elder, Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Dr. David W. Scott (STH'07, GRS'13) is Director of Mission Theology for Global Ministries of the UMC.

Contact Ray Joyce for more information about supporting Boston University School of Theology.

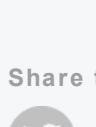
Your Gift to STH Matters

Please [donate](#) to the STH Annual Fund to support **Contextual Education Opportunities** (including remote), **Community Life programming**, and **Focus magazine**. Your support in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

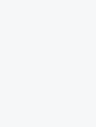
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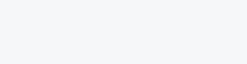
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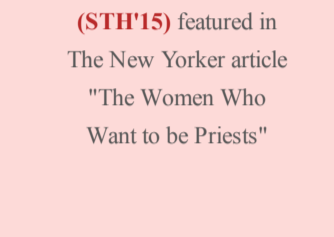
Rev. Dr. Teddy Hickman-Maynard (STH'03, '15) joins Harvard Divinity School as Associate Dean of Ministry Studies



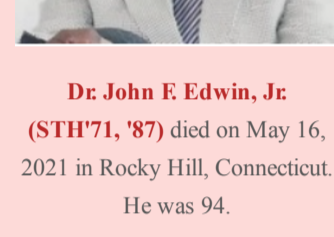
Mr. David J. Young (STH'87, Pardee'88) to be nominated by President Biden as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Malawi



Rev. Danielle Tumminio Hansen (STH'14) joins Faculty in Pastoral Care at Candler School of Theology at Emory University

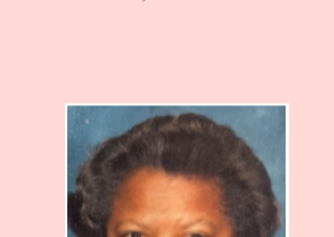


Rev. Carrington Moore (STH'14) joins King Boston as Director of Community Organizing



Rev. Kori Pacyniak (STH'15) featured in The New Yorker article "The Women Who Want to be Priests"

In Memoriam



Dr. John E. Edwin, Jr. (STH'71, '87) died on May 16, 2021 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. He was 94.



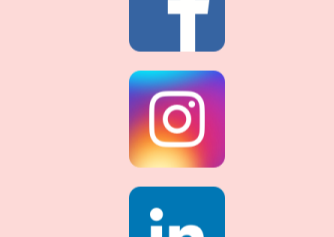
Mr. Evan E. Lucas (STH'58) died on June 17, 2021 in Stanwood, WA. He was 91.



Rev. Julia A. Thomas Douthett (STH'87) died July 21, 2021 in East Providence, RI. She was 76.



Rev. Jack Ronald George (STH'68) died on July 20, 2021 in Cumberland, MD. He was 84.



Rev. Dr. Alan C. Rhodes (STH'76) died July 24, 2021 in Albany, NY. He was 69.

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